Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Earle (Pete) C. Tanner was born August 21, 1911, in White Lake, South Dakota, to John and Mary Tanner and is the youngest of their eleven children. In 1913, Earle and his family moved to Potter County and made their home on a farm ten miles northwest of Gettysburg, South Dakota, in Lincoln Township. Earle and his wife still reside on the family farm; and,

Whereas, Earle married Mildred Louise Kammer on August 20, 1937, in Gettysburg, South Dakota, and to this union six children were born as well as twenty grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Their life together and love for each other is the epitome of marriage as they celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary this year; and,

Whereas, In addition to being a life-long resident of South Dakota, Earle made contributions to South Dakota agriculture through farming, ranching, operating his father's custom thrashing crew, and running a poultry business for many years. From his early days working with horse drawn plows to the use of modern day equipment, Earle adapted to agricultural changes through the years; and,

Whereas, In efforts to support his family during the depression, Earle worked for the WPA building dams and roads in the 1930s, and made additional contributions to his community by serving as a school board member for several years, as a director for the Federal Land Bank, president of the Appomattox Community Club, and a 4-H Leader for the Appomattox Go-Getters; and,

Whereas, Earle's hard work, dedication, and unselfish contributions to family, community, and South Dakota have set a positive example for all people to follow:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2011, as

EARLE (PETE) C. TANNER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State